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Statement by Indiana Agriculture Director Andy Miller to farmers affected by recent flooding:

"My prayers go out to the many Hoosier families affected by flooding across the state, especially Indiana's farm families. Governor Daniels has contacted the U.S. Department of Agriculture to request expedited assistance for our state's farmers. To support the Governor's disaster request, we need farmers to report livestock, crop or equipment losses to their local USDA Farm Service Agency office as quickly as possible.

"As is typical in the agricultural community, the agencies that serve farmers are working together to help during this extraordinary weather event. The Indiana State Department of Agriculture is working with USDA officials to get additional information to farmers as soon as it is available. Farmers should contact the Indiana Board of Animal Health for issues related to livestock and poultry (www.in.gov/boah or 317-227-0300). If farmers have manure, pesticides or other farm chemicals that have spilled due to flooding, they should contact the Indiana Department of Environmental Management's Spill Hotline at 317-233-7745 or 1-888-233-7745."

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For more information about the latest storm damage, go to www.in.gov/gov/3725.htm.